

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION**

**BOARD ORDER NO. R6-2024-0033  
WDID NO. 6A020009000**

**AMENDMENT OF BOARD ORDER NOS. R6T-2004-0028, R6T-2004-0028A1, AND  
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R6T-2004-0028A1  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

**FOR**

**DESOLATION HOTEL HOPE VALLEY**

**Alpine County**

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) finds:

**1. Facility Description**

The site formerly known as Sorensen's Resort is located at 14255 CA-88, approximately one mile east of the junction of Highway 88 and Highway 89 in Hope Valley, California. The resort consists of 26 cabins, laundry facilities, and a café producing exclusively domestic wastewater. The wastewater treatment and disposal system serving the resort consists of an extended aeration package treatment plant with onsite disposal of treated effluent via a subsurface leach field.

**2. Discharger**

John and Patricia Brissenden were the previous owners and operators of Sorensen's Resort under Sorensen's Resort LLC. The resort was sold to Tahoe Stateline Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter "Discharger") in 2019.

**3. Permit History**

The Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-72-105 on December 19, 1972 to regulate the discharge of domestic wastewater from Sorenson's Resort to an onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system. Board Order No. 6-95-25, adopted on February 9, 1995, updated waste discharge requirements for the system. Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028, was adopted on July 27, 2004 to reflect changes to the system design (addition of a package treatment plant) and to incorporate effluent limitations for future discharge to South Tahoe Public Utility District's (STPUD's) export pipeline (known as the 'C-Line') under specific conditions. Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028 was subsequently amended in 2014 by R6T-2004-0028A1 to include revised effluent limits for the STPUD's C-Line. In 2014, the Executive Officer sent an amended Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 indicating that it would be effective on the date it is signed.

As of August 19, 2024, no discharge to the C-Line has occurred due to effluent quality not meeting the effluent limits.

#### 4. Reason for Action

a. The facility has had a change of name and ownership since adoption of the Order and the discharge permit needs to be revised to show the current name and ownership. Board Order Nos. R6T-2004-0028, R6T-2004-0028A1, and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 will be amended by updating the information as follows:

i. Existing Order

Previous Facility Name:	Sorensen's Resort
Previous Owner:	Sorensen's Resort LLC
Previous Owner Contact:	John and Patricia Brissenden
Previous Certified Operator:	Unidentified

ii. Amended Order

New Facility Name:	Desolation Hotel Hope Valley
New Owner (Discharger):	Tahoe Stateline Enterprises, LLC
New Owner Contact:	Chet Pipkin, Owner/Principal
New Certified Operator:	Steven Boren (Grade V)

b. A Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) was submitted by the Discharger in December 2020 for proposed treatment system modifications to improve effluent quality and begin discharge to STPUD's C-Line. The proposed project is in the design and permitting process, but the ROWD remains incomplete pending additional information. Revised waste discharge requirements will need to be prepared to reflect treatment system modifications and other updated permit requirements but will be processed later following completion of the remaining ROWD items.

#### 5. California Environmental Quality Act

Amendment of the Waste Discharge Requirements is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, Existing Facilities.

#### 6. Notification of Interested Parties

The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested parties and agencies of its intent to amend Board Order Nos. R6T-2004-0028, R6T-2004-0028A1 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1.

#### 7. Public Meeting

The Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments

pertaining to the amendment of Board Order Nos. R6T-2004-0028, R6T-2004-0028A1 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1.

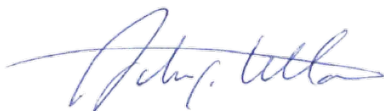
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** pursuant to Water Code sections 13260 and 13263, Board Order Nos. R6T-2004-0028, R6T-2004-0028A1, and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 are hereby amended as shown below.

1. The title for the Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028 is changed from “Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Sorensen’s Resort” to “Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Desolation Hotel Hope Valley” and in all locations in the Order the facility name “Desolation Hotel Hope Valley” will replace “Sorensen’s Resort.”
2. The title for the Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028A1 is changed from “Amended Waste Discharge Requirements for Sorensen’s Resort” to “Amended Waste Discharge Requirements for Desolation Hotel Hope Valley” and in all locations in the Order the facility name “Desolation Hotel Hope Valley” will replace “Sorensen’s Resort.”
3. The Discharger finding on page 1 of Board Order Nos. R6T-2004-0028 and R6T-2004-0028A1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Desolation Hotel Hope Valley is owned by Tahoe Stateline Enterprises, LLC and is operated by Desolation Hotel Hope Valley. For the purposes of this Order, Tahoe Stateline Enterprises, LLC is referred to as the "Discharger".

4. The title for Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 is changed from “Amended Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 WDID No. 6A020009000 for Sorensen’s Resort Wastewater Treatment Systems” to “Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6T-2004-0028A1 WDID No. 6A020009000 for Desolation Hotel Hope Valley”.

I, Michael R. Plaziak, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on August 20, 2024.



for MICHAEL R. PLAZIAK, PG  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER